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New!

Half.

Baseball.

Basketball.

Tennis.

Soccer.

THE CHRISTIAN RACE

Heb. 12:1-2 and I Cor. 9:24-27

✓ old: Boxing. Boating.
Wrestling.
Track.
Swimming.

48.

Paul, human-like sports. Well acquainted with athletics
Analogy: Christian Life is like a Track Meet.

INTRO: Success possible with help. Ill. Darkie, 'Yo pick em up
Two trainers interested in your Christian Race.

I. DEVIL. Deceitful — Dirty runner — Unsportsman.

- A. Permits haphazard training. Ill. Rough like Russian!
- B. Breaks your stride with distractions.
- C. Forces you to the outside lane. Wake up too late.
- D. Push you off the track entirely if can. Elbow.

II. PAUL REPRESENTS OUR TRAINER, GOD AND OFFERS SUGGESTIONS.

A. Practice Temperance. I Cor. 9:27.

Ill. Bob Bearden and 21 easter eggs.

- 1. Temperant in social life. Have some. Right kind.
- 2. Temperant with abilities. Use. Memphis boy - \$25.
- 3. Temperant with time. Give Lord his %. Grow. (over)

B. Run with Patience. Heb. 12:1.

- 1. Impatience is failure before the second wind. Ill. Glen Dobbs prays till get second wind.

- 2. Impatient if efforts not speedily rewarded. Cal. 6:9.
- 3. Impatient if prayers not answered immediately.
- 4. Impatient if temptations not easy. I Cor. 10:13.

C. Remove all weights (sins). Distance is object.

- 1. Wear lightest equipment possible. Fewest sins.

Wabble. Ill. Sardis race. One track shoes, one football.

- 2. Unremoved doubt hinder your start. Important.
- 3. Unremoved sins never let you finish. Fall out.

INVITATION: Suprise: Prize for all who finish. II Tim. 4:7-8

Sinner—Can't run without a start. Must sometime. Now -time.

Err Chr—If off the path of righteousness, no prize for you.

Christian—If changed tracks lately, better register-place
membership or no one will know you're running.